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LOCAL PAIN-COMBATING AGENT ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A remedy to suppress the sensation of pain, especially in chronic inflammatory diseases, by means of expressing endogenous neuroendocrine peptides at the site of inflammation. In particular, the invention relates to the expression of POMC or CRF from locally injected DNA expression constructs, preferably covalently peptide-modified expression constructs.